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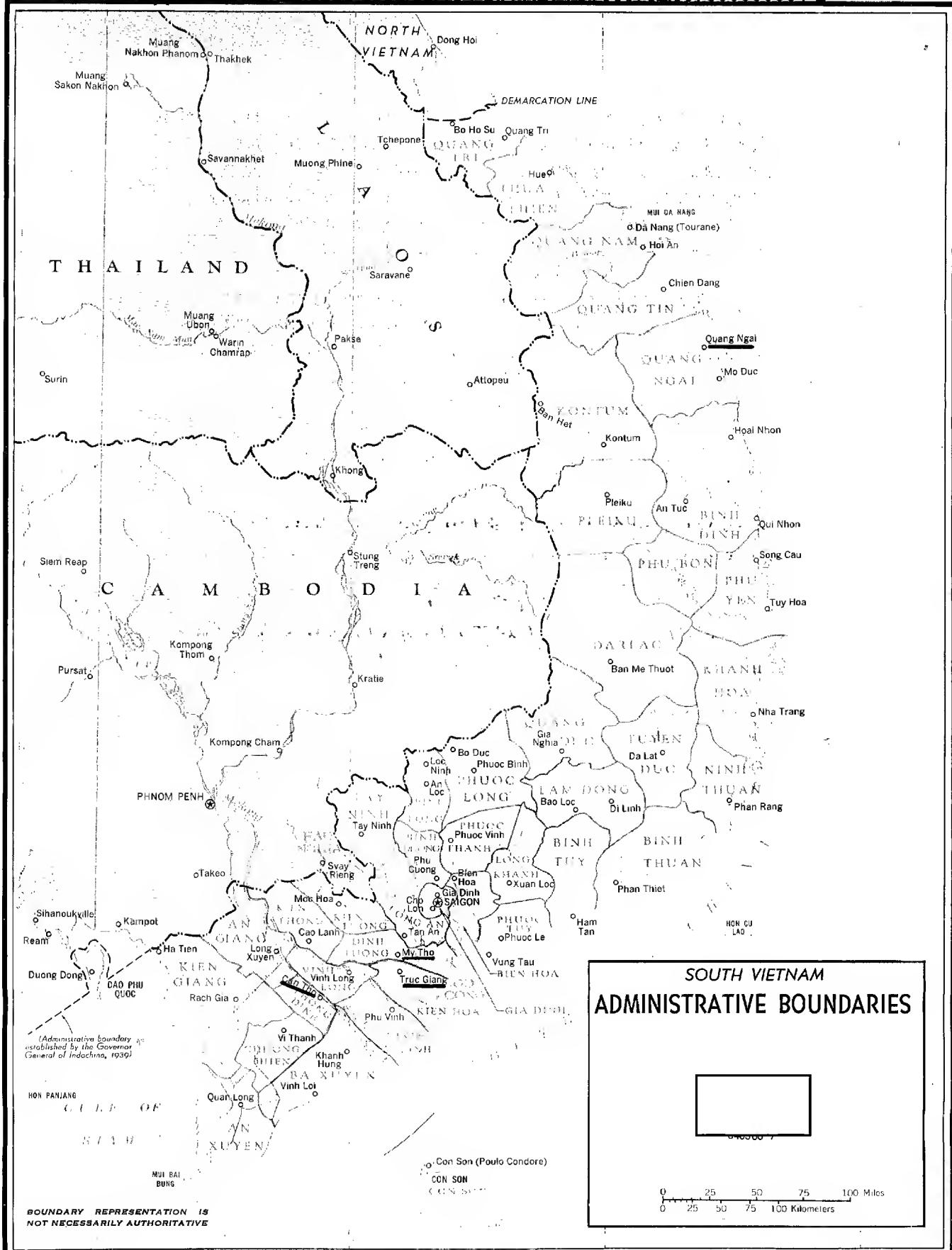
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*South Vietnam: Field reports indicate possible concentrations of Viet Cong troops in areas around several provincial capitals.

In the northern part of the country, Viet Cong movements in battalion strength have been reported in the mountains near Quang Ngai. Reports from the delta indicate other Viet Cong troop movements since 1 February into areas surrounding the provincial capitals of My Tho, Ben Tre (Truc Giang) and Can Tho.

The reported changes in Viet Cong deployment enhance their capability to move rapidly against these population centers.

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NOTES

Arab States - Israel: The Arab League foreign ministers' meeting, which ended Friday in Cairo, has coordinated Arab arguments against Israel's Jordan River project. A diplomatic offensive to present these arguments will be launched during the coming months with visits by the 13 foreign ministers to various non-Arab capitals, including Moscow, Peiping, London, and Washington. Arab governments have become particularly concerned during recent months over what they regard as evidence of growing US support for Israel--prompted, they believe, by election-year politics.

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Greece: The death of King Paul brings to the throne his 23-year-old son Constantine, who has participated in most government decisions since last June. During this time Constantine is reported to have shown signs of becoming increasingly independent of his politically influential mother, Queen Frederika. He is said to believe that he can work closely with Premier Papandreou, but if Frederika continues to assert her influence over the young King, there will be danger of a conflict developing between the government and the palace.

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*British Guiana: The jurisdictional strike among the sugar workers has resulted in several incidents in the past few days which could lead to an outbreak of violence between the East Indian and Negro population. For the past several months a pro-Jagan union has been attempting to wrest control of the sugar workers from an anti-Jagan union which constitutes a sizable proportion of organized labor in British Guiana. Although support for the strike has been spotty, the pro-Jagan union has resorted to intimidation and at least some of the sugar producers are evidently prepared to recognize it as the sole bargaining agent.

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